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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
MUTSUMI FUJIHARA, ET AL. : EXAMINER: RUDY, A.
SERIAL NO: 10/729,982 :
FILED: DECEMBER 9, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 3687
FOR: METHOD FOR MANAGING ACCOUNT, :
METHOD FOR PERFORMING SETTLING,
METHOD FOR MANAGING LOT, COMPUTER
READABLE RECORDING MEDIUM, ACCOUNT
MANAGING/SETTLING SYSTEM, AND LOT
MANAGING SYSTEM

ELECTION

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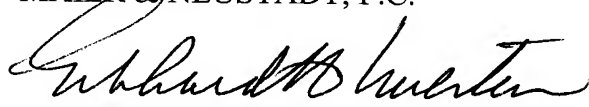
SIR:

In response to the Election Requirement dated March 17, 2009, Applicants elect, without traverse, invention I, Claims 1-9, drawn to a method of managing an account, classified in class 705, subclass 30, for further examination on the merits. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected species.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1-9 is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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